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Notes & News

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INTRODUCTION

James 3:13-18

“Who is wise and understanding among you?” Well, that depends on your definition or standard of wisdom. Are you wise? There is a kind of wisdom that is fueled by selfish ambition and bitter envy. Such wisdom wants to get ahead in life; it wants to fulfill its desires at whatever cost. It is willing to deny the truth to do so, even to the point of resorting to evil practices. Though it leaves a trail of disorder in its wake, it boasts of the great things it has accomplished. The Bible calls this earthly wisdom. It also calls it unspiritual, even of the devil. It is wisdom which is characterized chiefly by a selfish focus on me.

There is, however, another kind of wisdom. It is never willing to sacrifice the truth; it is pure. Rather than seeking to get ahead of others, it is peace-loving and considerate. Rather than striving for personal gain, it is submissive and full of mercy. Instead of resorting to evil, it bears good fruit; it is impartial and sincere. Such wisdom has no room for boasting; it is full of humility. The Bible calls this heavenly wisdom. It points out that it produces a harvest of righteousness. It is wisdom that is characterized chiefly by a loving focus on others.

Are you wise?

As you fight the temptation to be me-focused and strive to lovingly focus on others, remember where true wisdom comes from. It comes not from within or below. It comes from above, from God. It comes from the One who was and is wisdom personified. It comes from the Savior who never sinfully focused on himself and always lovingly focused on the spiritual and eternal welfare of others. Remember that this wisdom is revealed in and fueled by the gospel. “Who is wise and understanding among you?” The one who knows and trusts and walks with Jesus. – www.wels.net

FRIENDS OF ST. LUKE'S DAY

Friday, October 5th will be Friends of St. Luke's Day. Parents, Grandparents, church members of St. Luke's and St. Paul's, and other friends are invited to check out a day in the life of a St. Luke's student. The visiting period will begin with our chapel service at 8:15 A.M. and conclude after our pizza lunch and recess at 12:30 P.M. Students may leave with their parents during or after lunch. Visitors are welcome at any time period during that window.

ST. LUKE'S EXTENDED CARE - URGENT

We have had a few people reach out but are still in need of a few more workers for the afterschool care program. Please contact Mr. Buch if you have interest in finding out more about the extended care program at St. Luke's. Thanks!

WLA CROSS COUNTRY MEET

We had a great representation of St. Luke's at the WLA Cross Country Meet. Students competed in races of various lengths. Here are some of the awesome finishes from the various students that competed!

- 6th – 8th Race: Anna Schwartz – 4th
- 5th Grade Race: Joel Schwartz – 3rd, Talon Wix – 9th, Grant Schaumburg – 11th
- 4th Grade Race: Lucas Russ – 13th
- 3rd Grade Race: Wyatt Schraufnagel – 10th, Harrison Bilitz – 12th
- 2nd Grade Race: Leah Metzger – 2nd, Raelynn Schaumburg – 5th
- 1st Grade Race: Caleb Nelson: 7th

APPAREL ORDERS

Apparel orders were sent home with students this week. There is a clothing order and a separate hat order form as well. Please return those together if you would like to get a hat as well as other apparel. The due date for the order will be Wednesday, October 3rd. Please submit those orders by that date so the orders can be returned promptly. Thanks!

SCRIP

St. Luke's would like to offer families the opportunity to participate in the SCRIP program through WLA. We have many high school students who attend WLA, and they are willing to be "runners" for the program. If you have never tried SCRIP before, that is okay! It is as easy as filling out the form, writing out a check, and dropping your envelope into the special beige box in the entryway at St. Luke's School. The retailers are giving a portion of their sales back to WLA and to you, the families! There are many different ways that families can use their savings. Did you know that you could apply it towards your St. Luke's tuition? Please see the form for all of the different options and check the option that is best for your family. **The envelopes must be at school each week by the end of the school day on MONDAY.** The runners will take all of the envelopes and drop them off at the SCRIP office on Tuesday morning. In most cases, the runners would have the gift cards back to school by Wednesday or Thursday. (Susan Wright will call you if there is a hold up with your order.) The SCRIP program can be used by anyone in the church who loves WLA or may have a child that they want to support who attends St. Luke's or WLA. The order forms are located in the office near the school entrance.

SOCCKER NEWS

The St. Luke's soccer season ended in fitting fashion, with a rainout. God decided we didn't need quite as many soccer games this year. The Parent vs. Student game will be highly competitive, it's certain. Thank you to parents for carting players to games and back and to all who helped make this soccer season a fun one!

If there are any soccer socks, cleats, or shinguards that your family is not making use of, please let Mr. Buch know. St. Luke's keeps any extra on hand so players who do not have those resources may borrow them from the bin. Thanks!

SCHOOL CLEANING

This is your friendly reminder each week of who is on for school cleaning. If it is your first time cleaning, don't hesitate to ask a teacher or Mr. Buch what to do. Please ask Mr. Buch for the school cleaning keys prior to your time to clean. Cleaning checklists will be found in the cleaning supply closet.

- September 24 – 30 (School) – Schraufnagel
- September 24 – 30 (Gym/Commons) Reible
- October 1 – 7 – Metzger
- October 8-14 – Russ
- October 15-21 – Schwartz

UPCOMING EVENTS

- September 27th – A/B Team Soccer Fun Night
- October 5th – No P.M. Busing
- October 5th – Friends of St. Luke's Day
- October 19th – End of the 1st Quarter
- October 22nd – Report Cards sent home
- October 23rd – P.M. Parent Teacher Conferences
- October 24th – NO School – Parent Teacher Conferences
- October 25-26 – NO School – WELS State Teacher's Conference

3K – 4K Notes from Mrs. Russ

On Monday we started Bible History off with a magic trick. I added a couple drops of magic potion to water and it turned into Kool Aid! Well, until the children tasted it that is! They figured out that my magic trick was not that good and that the Kool Aid only tasted like water. The Bible tells us that Jesus changed water into wine and that it didn't just look like wine, but it was the best tasting wine that they had at the wedding! This was not magic, it was a miracle! Jesus gives us many blessings including our health. In our second story he healed a young boy with just his words. Every single day we are being healed not only physically but spiritually. What a blessing to have our Great Physician caring for us.

Our books this week were "Buzz" and "The Creaky Old Bed". This literacy series has a CD that comes with each unit, so we were able to hear the story on CD and also guess some mystery sounds. This new unit focuses on family and community, so we made some lovely pictures of our families. **PLEASE send a picture of your family along to school next week.** We had fun acting out the second story using some dolls and an old bed. You can even try it at your house with your own creaky bed!

This week we began our 1st Alpha Friend...Sammy Seal! We are going to be making a "Word Wall" with examples of "Environmental Print". These would be anything that your child recognizes and can "read". Examples might be words from cereal boxes like "Fruit Loops" or stores like "Target". Since we are working on letter "S" you may look for things that start with S and bring those labels or boxes to school to add to the wall. As we walked to the library on Tuesday we saw a ton of letters everywhere! Ms. Laurie read us books about fall and we got to meet the new librarian.

Also, next week, we will begin the Book It Program for the 4K students. Each month we will have a different goal and if your child completes the goal, they can bring the calendar back and get a coupon for a free personal pan pizza. When you take your certificate to Pizza Hut, they will give you a sticker collection page. At the end of the program, the children that participated EVERY MONTH can be entered into a drawing for a scholarship. Look for the calendars next week and get reading! Please let me know if you have any questions.

Did you know that opening fruit snacks, cuties, and yogurts can actually help your child to improve their writing? I have been showing them how to use their first 3 fingers on each hand to rip open these snacks. I call them their little "pincher" fingers. These are the same fingers that they need to strengthen to be able to hold or "pinch" a pencil correctly. So let them struggle a little bit with these tough tasks before you just give in and do it yourself. We also have a milk change to report. Due to policies in our federal milk program, the ECE class can only receive 1% white milk. My plan is to have them all try a little bit of white milk, but if you prefer that your child NOT take white milk at all, please let me know. Sorry for any inconvenience that this may cause. Thanks so much to Ezra for providing snacks this week. Next week it is JAZLYN's turn to bring in snack. Have a great weekend and I hope to see you at St. Luke's. Pastor Schwartz's service will be all about our Christian families.

Kindergarten – 2nd Grade Notes from Ms. Hankemeier

MAP testing is over, so we are back to our normal schedule. We don't like change, but we handled it as best as we could. I received some preliminary results back and I am looking forward to sharing them at parent teacher conferences on October 23rd and 24th. I have already begun some small interventions to beef up the areas where we were weak. Assessments are more for the teacher than the children!

Our Bible lessons this week have helped us center on the beginning of Jesus' work beginning with his baptism and then moving into his temptation. We studied the mystery of the Trinity by breaking apart the three parts of God and trying to reconnect them. A triangle helped us try to explain it. One side is our creator and preserver, God the Father, another side is God the Son, our Savior, and the third part is the Holy Spirit, our faith giver and grower. We know this is a true Bible concept since all three beings were present at Jesus' baptism. We were also comforted to learn that Jesus understands our pains and temptations and are thankful that he was our perfect ransom!

Second grade began reading a chapter book entitled "Frog and Toad Together." Many of you may recognize this award winning masterpiece. It is a timeless classic and we have thoroughly enjoyed relating to making a schedule that quickly got ruined. First grade has gotten into their hard cover book and have begun a thorough study of phonics. "Sh" and "Ch" can combine to make so many hard and fun words! Kindergarten is finishing up their study of Golly. Capital and lowercase G's are difficult to make, but as long as we remember that they start like C's and O's, we are golden.

We will be singing at the beginning of the 10:30 services this week at St. Luke's.

I am tentatively planning a field trip day for October 22nd. My original plans fell through just like Toad! I would like to clean out pumpkins and make pumpkin pies at my home with the children and serve them lunch. I think my house can hold 21 lambs. I'm willing to give it a shot. If you would like to be a chaperone, please let me know soon. Thank you!

2nd - 4th Grade Notes from Mrs. Kuske

We sing THIS Sunday in the 10:30 service! Everyone is working hard on the song and we can't wait to hear the kids deliver the message that we are thankful for all that Jesus has done!

I am seeing some growth in the class. Students helping each other. Students knowing what they need to get done and doing it. Students are on a schedule! That includes the 2nd grade too!

I will be heading to the library this week to choose some books for the kids to read for a book report. It is important that they pick up books to read- and although I have some books, I do not have a huge variety of chapter books. Please encourage your child to read, read, read. We will be starting the Pizza Hut Book It Challenge October 1st. I will hand out the sheets and send out directions.

In Phonics we are studying vowel digraphs and consonant digraphs. Consonant digraphs are two consonants that make ONE sound (ex. Sh,ch,ck). Blends are two or three consonants that you can hear each individual letter sound (ex. St, bl, gl). The students are catching on to the worksheets we do in class- and I am looking forward to getting to the more challenging lessons so we see how decoding bigger words go!

5th – 8th Grade Notes from Mr. Buch

Sickness has spread through our classroom like wildfire. Please make sure your child is getting a good night's sleep, a healthy breakfast each morning, and is drinking enough water. All those things will help keep our classroom a little less sick.

It was a blessing to be able to sing at St. Paul's, Brownsville this past weekend. Our students did a wonderful job boldly proclaiming God's love for them and all people. We have started working on a few new songs and we will sing October 21st at St. Luke's. It is a blessing to hear this group start singing together. It is not a secret that I am not a talented piano player. Did you hear about the pianist that kept banging his head against the keyboard? He was playing by ear. I did hear of a music store that was robbed the other day. They were after the lute.

The NFL Pick'em contest is going as well as it could possibly go. I am in the lead. (Thank you Bears & the green team from Wisconsin). Here are your full standings:

Mr. Buch	92.5
Max	82.5
Grant	65
Matthew	60
Leighton	57.5
Noah	55
Owen R.	47.5
Talon	47.5
Joel	45
Anna	45
Sam	40
Nick	37.5
Owen B.	35
Kolby	30
Dawson	30
Aleah	25
Aiden	25